

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Alan Doane, on January 17, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Doane, Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sara Fleming, Committee Secretary
Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 194, 1/12/2017; HB 206, 1/12/2017; HB 217, 1/12/2017

HEARING ON HB 194**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:04 Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 194, Prohibit local restrictions on electronic devices while driving.

00:01:31 Rep. Harris joined the meeting

00:02:29 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway joined the meeting

00:06:21 Rep. Eck joined the meeting

00:07:30 Chair Doane

00:07:53 Rep. Morigeau joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:08:13 Bill Bronson, Great Falls City Commission

EXHIBIT(juh12a01)

00:15:48 Joseph Cik, Great Falls City Attorney

00:20:35 John MacDonald, City of Missoula

00:21:46 Ed Bartlett, City of Billings

00:23:47 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:25:07 Jane Smilie, Montana Public Health Association (MPHA), Montana Association of Public Health Officials (AMPHO)

00:26:35 Greg Van Hosen, State Farm Insurance

00:27:16 Jerry Spaeth, Helena Citizens Council

00:29:10 Greg Dorrington, Physicians of Montana

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:31:00 Rep. Wagoner

00:31:52 Rep. Trebas

00:32:36 Rep. Wagoner

00:32:49 Rep. Trebas

00:33:57 Rep. Morigeau

00:34:28 Joseph Cik, Great Falls City Attorney

00:34:51 Rep. Morigeau

00:35:12 Joseph Cik, Great Falls City Attorney

00:35:40 Rep. Morigeau

00:36:07 Joseph Cik, Great Falls City Attorney

00:36:17 Rep. Regier

00:36:42 Joseph Cik, Great Falls City Attorney

00:38:04 Rep. C. Knudsen

00:38:18 Joseph Cik, Great Falls City Attorney

00:42:20 Rep. Harris

00:43:16 Joseph Cik, Great Falls City Attorney

00:46:54 Rep. Usher

00:47:10 Chair Doane

00:47:20 Joseph Cik, Great Falls City Attorney

00:47:52 Vice Chair Berglee
00:48:48 Rep. Usher
00:49:05 Joseph Cik, Great Falls City Attorney
00:49:59 Rep. Usher
00:50:30 Bill Bronson, Great Falls City Commission
00:51:51 Rep. Usher
00:52:13 Bill Bronson, Great Falls City Commission
00:52:58 Vice Chair Berglee
00:53:23 Rep. Trebas
00:53:39 Vice Chair Berglee
00:53:46 Rep. Trebas
00:53:52 Vice Chair Berglee
00:54:12 Joseph Cik, Great Falls City Attorney
00:55:45 Rep. McConnell
00:56:51 Rep. Trebas
00:58:30 Rep. McConnell
00:59:59 Rep. Trebas
01:02:06 Rep. Manzella
01:02:42 John MacDonald, City of Missoula
01:03:09 Joseph Cik, Great Falls City Attorney
01:04:00 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
01:04:23 Rep. Morigeau
01:05:20 Rep. Trebas
01:05:42 Rep. Morigeau
01:06:15 Rep. Trebas
01:06:24 Rep. Morigeau
01:06:43 Rep. Trebas
01:07:01 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
01:07:58 Greg Van Horsen, State Farm Insurance
01:09:38 Rep. Bishop
01:11:41 Rep. Trebas
01:13:29 Rep. Wagoner
01:14:50 Greg Van Horsen, State Farm Insurance
01:15:17 Rep. Wagoner
01:15:33 Greg Van Horsen, State Farm Insurance
01:15:44 Rep. C. Knudsen
01:16:14 Ed Bartlett, City of Billings
01:16:37 Rep. C. Knudsen
01:17:05 Ed Bartlett, City of Billings
01:17:54 Rep. Usher
01:19:01 Rep. Trebas
01:19:10 Rep. Usher
01:19:36 Rep. Trebas
01:20:56 Rep. Usher
01:21:33 Rep. Trebas

Closing by Sponsor:

01:22:23 Rep. Trebas

HEARING ON HB 206**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:26:26 Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 206, Revise laws regarding crimes.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:38:20 Rebecca Sturdevant, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Montana Common Sense Coalition (MCSC)

01:42:23 Rep. Wagoner

Informational Testimony:

01:43:47 Lynn Zanto, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:46:14 Rep. McConnell

01:46:34 Rep. Zolnikov

01:46:50 Rep. McConnell

01:47:25 Lynn Zanto, MDT

01:47:49 Chair Doane

01:48:11 Rep. Eck

Closing by Sponsor:

01:48:58 Rep. Zolnikov

01:49:57 Recess

01:55:12 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 217**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:55:28 Rep. Randy Brodehl (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 217, Revise replacement schedule for regular license plates.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:00:23 Sarah Garcia, Montana Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)

02:01:56 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:04:15 Rep. Eck

02:04:36 Rep. Brodehl

Closing by Sponsor:

02:05:22 Rep. Brodehl

Committee Business:

02:06:02 Chair Court

02:06:14 Helen Thigpen, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:06:38

Sara Fleming, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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